



Q and A



- Q: What is LISRA?
- A: Our mission is to foster, improve, promote and encourage the sport of soccer and to promote friendship, sociability and physical recreation among its members. This is accomplished through education, training, and support of our membership



- Q: What games are we allowed to officiate?
- A: Per the United States Soccer Federation, a registered USSF referee can work any USSF sanctioned game assigned by a USSF Sanctioned Assignor. Any questions can be referred to Eastern New York at

<https://enysreferee.org/>



- Q: Who is assigning games for the fall season? Are we using Arbiter?
- A: As of last week LISRA is no longer involved in the assigning process or procedure for any league. Any questions about games needs to be referred to either the league of the game you are doing or the assignor who assigned you the game. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related



- Q: How did we get here? How did this all happen?
- A: What we can tell you with certainty is unbeknownst to LISRA, the head assignor and a G9 assignor secretly spent months soliciting tournaments and leagues for their own assigning benefit, undercutting and thereby eliminating LISRA from the assignment process. This was all done while assigning games for which LISRA received and disbursed assigning fees to them. The relationship between LISRA and the assignors was always a “good faith” relationship, extending over many decades of service. As a reminder the money LISRA took in from assigning was put towards membership benefits. Now those same fees go straight into the pockets of the assignors directly. Once LISRA found out what was happening we worked diligently in the best interest of its membership to continue to provide and increase its existing services. LISRA will continue to work for you, the membership, to provide the best services it can despite the changing conditions.



- Q: If LISRA is no longer assigning games, what will happen to the Funds LISRA has already collected and has in reserve?
- A: A revised budget will be created to sustain LISRA and its planned operations for the rest of this fiscal year. We will be meeting with members to discuss the future of LISRA. Additional operational details will be made available to members during the next general members meeting.



- Q: How much are dues for next year?
- A: At the current time LISRA is focused on the education, training, and support of our members. No decision has been made on dues for the 2025 year. Once we have more information we will let you know. There will be no 2023/24 dues refunds should you decide not to remain a member



- Q: Since LISRA's Assignor is no longer assigning games do I need to be a member anymore?
- A: LISRA's mission has always and will continue to be the education, training, and support of its membership (where we can). While being a member of LISRA will provide you with these benefits as an independent contractor it is ultimately up to you to make that decision. Only you can decide whether being a member of LISRA or not will help you in becoming a better referee.



- Q: Will LISRA still be around after this year?
- A: It is certainly the intention to do so. As we know and gain more information surrounding LISRA's status as a non-profit organization we will continue to update the membership.



- Q: What is Long Island Soccer Officials?
- A: LISRA will not comment on their status.



- Q: Who will help us when we have questions?
- A: As stated previously LISRA is no longer involved in the assigning process or procedure. Any questions about games needs to be referred to either the league of the game you are doing or the assignor who assigned you the game. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related. Any other questions related to membership (LOTG, Recertification, etc...) please email support. It may take a few days to get back to you with an answer



- Q: If I do not get paid for a game due to cancellation of forfeit, how do I get paid?
- A: As stated previously LISRA is no longer involved in the assigning process or procedure. Any questions about game payments needs to be referred to either the league of the game you are doing or the assignor who assigned you the game. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related. Any other questions related to membership (LOTG, Recertification, etc...) please email support. It may take a few days to get back to you with an answer



- Q: Does Ej still work for us?
- A: At the present time Ej is still the Executive Director of LISRA. Any changes in staffing will be communicated to the membership



- Q: Can we still email the G9 group with questions?
- A: As of 1/1/2025 all emails sent to G9 will be forwarded to support. The list was created initially for Grade 9 officials to communicate with their assignors. Since LISRA no longer is involved in the assigning process and procedure and since there are technically no more grade 9 referees this email address is no longer necessary. The G9 group can continue to answer questions related to education and training of its members. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related.



- Q: Can we work tournaments?
- A: Per the United States Soccer Federation, a registered USSF referee can work any USSF sanctioned game assigned by a USSF Sanctioned Assignor. As stated previously LISRA is no longer involved in the assigning process or procedure. Any questions about games needs to be referred to either the league of the game you are doing or the assignor who assigned you the game. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related.



- Q: What about State Cup Games?
- A: As we know more about State Cup we will let you know.



- Q: What about recertification?
- A: As recertification is done by the USSF and Eastern New York LISRA will continue to support its members on the recertification process



- Q: What about recruitment?
- A: LISRA will continue to recruit new members to join the association where we provide the education, training and support to assist you with your referee needs.
- A: Recruitment of new referees is now being solely handled by Eastern New York. For more information please see.

<https://enysreferee.org/how-to-become-a-referee>



- Q: What is Gotsport? Should I sign up for this? / I'm having issues signing up. Are we using them for games?
- A: Gotsport/Gotsoccer is a provider of soccer software in the US. For more information contact Gotsoccer. LISRA is no longer involved in the assigning process or procedure. Any questions about games needs to be referred to either the league of the game you are doing or the assignor who assigned you the game. LISRA can no longer provide support on anything game related.



- Q: Can we still call the office?
- A: At the present time we recommend emailing support to get in touch with the office.



- Q: What will monthly meetings be like moving forward?
- A: At our monthly meetings for the rest of the year we will continue with educational topics related to the Laws of the Game as well as other rules interpretations. We plan to have this meetings in-person at venue's TBD. More information about next year's meetings will be provided to members in future correspondence



Summary

- LISRA will continue to provide education, training, and support for our members of the referee community
- LISRA will no longer be involved in the following activities
 - Recruitment of new referees
 - The game assignment process or procedure (including pre and post game activities)
- As independent contractors you are free to decide whether or not you wish to remain a member of LISRA. LISRA will always act in our members best interests regardless of the changing landscape
- Please send any questions or comments to support@lisoccerrefs.org



- I am certified and have received your my badge, it's time to look for work, how do I do that?

A: Join a referee district. They will have a referee assignor who will ask about your availability to then send you out to games. For our list of referee districts please click here (<https://enysreferee.org/coordinators/>). Each district offers you additional training and support in addition to connecting you to local referee assignors.

Area Coordinators

Courses are offered around the State by approximately 60 instructors covering all 10 districts. The instructors are supervised by the Area Coordinators of Instruction in each district:

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